

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus, including a shipment conveyance device associated with a shipment which is a shipping container, pallet, or tote, a global positioning device located in, on, or at, the conveyance device which determines a position or location of the conveyance device, a processing device which processes information regarding the shipment and/or the conveyance device in response to an occurrence of an event or in response to a request for information regarding the shipment or conveyance device, wherein the processing device generates a message containing information regarding the position or location of the conveyance device and information regarding at least one of the occurrence of an event, shipment status, a shipment temperature, and an impact or force on the conveyance device, and a transmitter which transmits the message to a communication device associated with a shipment sender, receiver, or carrier, or an authorized individual or entity.